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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HIROYUKI MITANI, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 10/797,078 :
FILED: MARCH 11, 2004 :
FOR: SUPPORTING BASE FOR GAS SEPARATING MEMBRANE, PRODUCING
METHOD THEREOF AND GAS SEPARATING FILTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.